



MOUNDS PARK ACADEMY ALUMNI GRANT

We teach students to think independently, communicate effectively and act with respect and integrity in a diverse community that models intellectual ambition, global responsibility and the joy of learning.

-- MPA mission statement

The values and goals expressed in our mission statement provide the foundation for the experience that MPA gives to its students. This experience develops MPA students' appetite for learning that continues to grow long after graduation. Beyond undergraduate and, in many cases, graduate studies, our alumni often pursue education opportunities outside the traditional curriculum. Whether the experience is attending an academic conference on teaching methods or creating a film, MPA alumni continue to seek opportunities to advance their education based on the values developed while at Mounds Park Academy.

To help support and encourage our alumni to take advantage of these types of educational opportunities, the Mounds Park Academy Alumni Association is offering a one-time, non-renewable grant of \$500 to be used towards an alumnus' special project or education that is consistent with the mission statement of MPA. *This grant is designed to help assist alumni in research, education, or other matters that illustrate, among others, global responsibility and learning.*

What type of project or education is appropriate for this grant?

The purpose of this grant is to support a project or education *outside* the traditional academic curriculum of undergraduate and graduate programs. The project or education used for this grant must begin after January 1st 2011. For example:

- Provide financial assistance to an alumnus to attend an academic conference
- Provide financial assistance to an alumnus for a research project
- Provide financial assistance to an alumnus to participate in a social services project

What criteria will be used to select the winner?

The Alumni Association will focus their decision on two primary factors:

- How well does the project fit into the MPA mission statement?
- How well does the candidate articulate his or her request – how compelling is the application?
- This is a need-blind and merit-based grant.

Who is eligible for this grant?

- Any graduate of Mounds Park Academy.

What are the requirements of the applicant?

- Completed, signed, and dated application
- A resume or CV is optional, but strongly encouraged.
- Publication of Information Agreement: Once an application is submitted, MPA reserves the right to publish any of the information about the project on which you are working.
- If awarded the MPA Alumni Grant, the applicant will be required to assist MPA in writing an overview of the project for publication in the MPA newsletter.
- It is strongly recommended that people who are interested in this grant contact Tasslyn Magnusson (tmagnusson@moundsparkacademy.org) to discuss the project they would like to submit.

When is the application due and when is the winner selected?

Application Deadline: March 31, 2011



*Scholarship Winner Announcement: On or before Monday, **June 30th**, 2011*
*Scholarship Check mailed to winner: On or before **July 1st**, 2011*

Send all materials to the address below:

Mounds Park Academy
Attn.: Alumni Office
2051 Larpenteur Avenue East
St. Paul, MN 55109

All questions or comments should be emailed to Tasslyn Magnusson at tmagnusson@moundsparkacademy.org.



MOUNDS PARK ACADEMY ALUMNI GRANT APPLICATION

Candidate Background

Name

Last (include maiden)

First

Middle

Address

Number, Street, Apartment

City

State

Zip

Phone Number

Email Address

Date of Birth

Education and Experience

Mounds Park Academy

Grades Attended MPA

Graduation Year

Colleges and Degrees

School

Degree



Grant Application Information

- 1. Current Occupation:** Please describe what your current occupation is or your current focus of study. A resume or CV is welcomed in addition to your statement of occupation.
- 2. Grant Purpose:** Please explain how the grant money will be used. Please include a line item estimate that describes how this grant will be used for your project.
- 3. Grant Justification:** Please attach an essay, two to four pages in length, about how your proposed project fits within the mission of Mounds Park Academy. MPA's Mission Statement is as follows: *We teach students to think independently, communicate effectively and act with respect and integrity in a diverse community that models intellectual ambition, global responsibility and the joy of learning.*

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Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

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Grant Selection Process and Rules

1. Factors for Consideration

Questions and factors to consider in judging the applications:

- How well does the project fit into the MPA mission statement?
- How well does the candidate articulate his or her request (e.g. how detailed, clear, and compelling)?

2. Rules for Grant Consideration

- Anyone with a sibling, spouse or significant other applicant cannot participate in the review of and decision regarding grant applications.
- The grant committee and the Alumni Board as a whole will be impartial regarding the choice of grant winner.
- The winning submission will be need-blind and merit-based.